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Dear NIU/DLS Graduates:

During the fall months it seems fairly automatic to think about the reopening of school for the coming academic year, even though you may no longer be involved in a formal program of education. Although you have graduated from NIU, we hope you think of us.

The department is still located in Adams Hall, and we are offering courses off-campus in downtown Chicago, Roselle and Palatine. Early DLS enrollment statistics for the fall show over 200 students enrolled, most of whom are part-time. All of us on the faculty are busy with professional meetings and activities, which will be detailed later in the Newsletter.

I have been with the department since July 1, 1983, as the new chair. I was most recently on the faculty of the Department of Library and Information Science at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. I have lived and worked in Illinois before, both at ALA Headquarters and the Illinois State Library, so it seems very much to me as if I am returning, rather than making a new beginning. This seems especially true when I see how various projects in the state have come to fruition which were in the planning stages in the late 1960's and early 1970's. It is gratifying, also, to be remembered by people here in the state who have made me feel very welcome yet again.

I have met a number of NIU graduates since my arrival here, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the months and years ahead.

FACULTY NEWS. The DLS faculty have been busy with various activities during the past months. Henry Dequin, who served as Interim Chair of the department until July 1, recently had a book published by Libraries Unlimited. John Larsen has been appointed to the editorial boards of ALA Reference Books Bulletin and of Current Studies in Librarianship. He is serving on the NIU Artist Series Board for the current academic year. Sue Sahli will be attending the annual meeting of the American Society for Information Science and has just completed a two-year term as newsletter editor for the ASIS Special Interest Group for Classification Research. She is serving on the Library Advisory Committee of the College of Professional Studies of NIU. David Shavit organized a professional development workshop with Andrew Torok in April on microcomputers in libraries and presented a paper on "Planning and Decision-making for Microcomputers in Libraries: Administration and Financial Aspects." He also presented a lecture on "Microcomputers in American Public Libraries" in June, 1983, in Tel Aviv, Israel in a seminar for public librarians conducted by the Hebrew University School of Librarianship. His article on "Jewish Libraries in the Polish Ghettoes during the Nazi Era" was included in Library Literature 13 - The Best of 1982. Andrew Torok presented a one-day seminar on "Microcomputers in Libraries and Information Centers" in Chicago last June. He is one of seven who contributed to the recently published ALA Glossary of Library and Information Science. His section deals with about 600 definitions of terms in reprography and micrographics. He presented an invited paper entitled

"Ergonomics in an Electronic Society" at the 6th Annual Essen Symposium on Library Automation in Essen, West Germany in August.

PART-TIME FACULTY. Persons teaching part-time for the department this fall include: Brad Baker (Northeastern Illinois University), "Government Publications"; John Frazier (Argonne Laboratories), "Information Storage and Retrieval"; Molly Klowden (Elmhurst College), "Organization of Library Materials"; Peggy O'Donnell (Library Consultant), "Program Evaluation for Libraries"; and Lois Schultz, "Library Services for Children."

FORMER FACULTY. Friends of Elizabeth Chambers (on the NIU faculty 1973-1981) report that she will be returning to the U.S. this fall after a two-year stay in the Phillipines. Ed SantaVicca (1976-1977) has recently joined the staff of Cleveland State University Library as Humanities Bibliographer. Peter Neenan (1977-1978) became a faculty member at the library school of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, this fall.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND COURSES. A new Apple IIe microcomputer system was purchased by the department in the spring. Three new courses have been added to the curriculum: Library Automation, Online Searching, and Business and Economics Resources.

SPECIAL EVENTS. Professor F. W. Lancaster of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science, will present two colloquium addresses at NIU on Wednesday, October 12. His topics will be "Factors Affecting the Performance of Question-Answering in Libraries" and "Electronic Publishing and Its Implications for Libraries." The department is also sponsoring a two-day institute on October 28-29, entitled "To Serve the Public Interest: Library Policy Perspectives for the 1980's." Let us know if you would like to receive information on these events. Coming up for the spring of 1984 is the annual Children's Literature Institute, scheduled for May 4-5, entitled "The Realm of Imagination: Artistry in Literature for Children and Youth."

ALUMNI/AE REUNIONS. NIU was one of a number of library schools who participated in a joint reunion at ALA's Los Angeles conference in June. Graduates who stopped by included: George Libbey (1973) of Temple University in Philadelphia, Carol Morrison (1976) of DuPage Library System and Patricia Stockner (1978) of the Warrenville Library District in Illinois. NIU/DLS will also participate in the joint reunion luncheon at MFLA in Cincinnati on Thursday, November 3.

NIU STUDENT REPORTS. Abbie Loomis, a currently enrolled student in the DLS program attended the ALA conference in Los Angeles. Her account of this, entitled "First Timer Finds ALA Conference 'Over-whelming,'" appears in the September issue of American Libraries.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY OUR GRADUATES. A number of contributions have been made to the department by our graduates. We are very thankful to the individuals who have contributed a total of $580.

NEWS OF OUR GRADUATES. Larry Ashmun (1982) is now Adult Services Librarian at Dundee Township Public Library. Susan Bonzi (1977) received her PhD in library and information science from the University of Illinois and has joined the faculty of Syracuse as an Assistant Professor. Two recent graduates, Martin Cavanaugh (1983) and Marianne Young (1982) are being married this month. Mary Jane Gibson (1970) has retired from Rochelle High School Library where she co-authored a new edition of "Student Activity Workbook for Use With Finding Information in the Library." Dwayne Nelson (1979) and Joyce Rowe (1978) were both lured to new positions with Montgomery Ward Information Center. Jean Sheviak (1979) and her husband have bought a new house, complete with a bog. She is serials librarian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She will be co-authoring a Directory of CAD Software for Marcel Dekker. Jim Talaga (1975) is completing his PhD in business administration at Temple University. Marv Topp (1982) has had an article accepted by Library Journal which is based on her LIBS 571 paper, "Middle-Aged Persons Share in the Academe of Library Science Programs." And, finally, Dean Peggy Sullivan ran into the head librarian of the University of Zambia at the August IFLA meeting and reports that Margaret Wamulwange (1982) is doing well on the staff of the University of Zambia Library in Lusaka.

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